THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is proposed that the Indian Railway Finance Corporation may have an authorised capital of Rs. 200 crores and a paid-up capital of Rs. 50 crores. The Corporation would undertake public borrowings. From the funds so raised they will procure Rolling Stock and other equipment and lease them to the Railways. It is proposed to raise Rs. 250 crores in the current year. The details in regard to the rate of interest etc. have not yet been decided.

Substandard drugs

943. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the 'Sunday Mail' dated September 7—13, 1986 captioned EVERY FIFTH 'DRUG IN THE MARKET IS SUB-STANDARD;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that the various drug companies in the country are producing 'Sub-standard' drugs;

(c) what is the number of cases which have come to the notice of Government; and

(d) the action taken by Government against guilty companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, the State Drug Control Authorities are responsible for enforcing the quality control of drugs manufactured, sold and distributed in their States.

According to the latest information available out of 16768 Samples tested, 2535 samples have been reported to be not of standard quality during the year 1983-84.

(d) Action is taken against guilty companies, by the concerned State Drug Controllers by way of suspension of the licence of the firms to manufacture drugs or withdrawal of permission to manufacture a particular product declared as not of Standard quality or launching of prosecution against the firm depending upon the nature of the cause of being Sub-standard.

Heritage of Indian Culture

944. SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the steps being taken to inculcate in the youth an appreciation for the heritage of Indian culture?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): Some of the steps taken to inculcate in the youth an appreciation for the heritage of Indian culture are:—

(1) teacher training progremmes designed to impart knowledge of India's cultural heritage among school and college students;

(2) organisation of 'Lok Utsavas' and holding of festivals under the schemes operated by Sangeet Natak Akademi;

(3) holding of annual folk art festival, organisation of workshops of folk theatre etc. by the Nehru Yuvak Kendras;

(4) programmes for promotion of national integration among the youth by organising camps of students and non-student rural youth to afford opportunities to them to learn about inter-regional traditions, customs and cultural heritage.

(5) programmes under the Scheme of Zonal Cultural Centres and National Cultural Festival aimed at providing exposure to youth and the public of the wide canvas of India's cultural heritage.

Appointment of GSA in London

945. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have appointed a new General Sales Agency (GSA) in London within six months of terminating the previous one and that the main Directors of the newly appointed GSA do not have previous experience in travel trade;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for terminating the earlier GSA and then appointing a new one within six months with persons without any previous experience; and

(c) what procedure is adopted by Government in appointing the agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir. The working Directors and other staff of the newly appointed G.S.A. have past experience in the travel trade ranging from 3 to 20 years.

(b) The agreement with the earlier G.S.A. was terminated because there were a number of complaints against him pertaining to the standard of service rendered to passengers, etc. A decision to revert to the system of appointing a G.S.A. has now been taken by Air India conciously to augment its declining revenues.

(c) The Government is not involved in the appointment of a G.S.A.

Lok Utsav Festivals

946. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Lok Utsav festivals have been organised in various cultural centres in October, 1986;

(b) whether any guidelines have been given regarding participation in the festivals;

(c) whether Government are aware that in the festival held at Nagpur, the Andhra Pradesh Government instead of sending folk artists from tribal areas sent students to participate in tribal dance items;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether tribal organisations in Andhra Pradesh have protested against this; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) On the occasion of the inauguration of the South Central Zone Cultural Centre at Nagpur on 2nd October, 1986 a cultural function was organised in which all the participating States including Andhra Pradesh sent their cultural troupes. The Andhra Pradesh Government has intimated that the following folk troupes were sponsored by it:—

1. Veeranatyam
2. Tappetagullu
3. Kolatam